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VESSEL MIST COVE

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 3903) to deem the vessel M/V MIST COVE to be less than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 3903

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. VESSEL MIST COVE.

(a) CONSTRUCTION TONNAGE OF M/V MIST COVE.—The M/V MIST COVE (United States official number 1085817) is deemed to be less than 100 gross tons, as measured under chapter 145 of title 46, United States Code, for purposes of applying the optional regulatory measurement under section 14305 of that title.

(b) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply on any date on which the length of the vessel exceeds 157 feet.

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MR. SENSENBRENNER

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. SENSENBRENNER:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. VESSEL M/V MIST COVE.

(a) The Secretary of Transportation shall prescribe a tonnage measurement as a small passenger vessel as defined in section 2101 of title 46, United States Code, for the M/V MIST COVE (United States official number 1085817) for purposes of applying the optional regulatory measurement under section 14305 of that title.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply on any date on which the length of the vessel exceeds 157 feet.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment in the nature of a substitute be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER).

The amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This concludes the call of the Private Calendar.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support the ban on the procedure called the partial-birth abortion. That name is really a misnomer. It is really a preterm delivery that results in infanticide. I urge my colleagues to be honest and fair, to examine the evidence about what happens during this procedure.

Dr. C. Everett Koop says this procedure is, quote, never medically necessary to protect a mother's life or her future fertility. On the contrary, he says, this procedure can pose a significant threat to both mother and child.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says, "There are no circumstances under which this procedure would be the only option to save the life of the mother and preserve the health of the woman." Any serious person has to admit that this procedure is unnecessary, it is barbaric and should be banned. Unfortunately, some people are extreme enough in their views that they are willing to defend this procedure under any circumstances.

Tomorrow, Members of good faith and common sense from both sides will stand together and vote to ban this horrific procedure. I urge all Members to support us.

INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION NO. 12—OMAR AND GAMELA ELKASABY

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the 12th time to talk about one of the 10,000 American children who have been abducted to foreign countries.

Omar and Gamela Elkasaby were abducted from Brooklyn, New York in August of 1998 by their noncustodial father, Gamal Elkasaby. The children's mother, Marta Sierra Elkasaby, obtained full custody of the children after their divorce. On the day of the abduction, Gamal told Marta that he was going to take the children to the movies but instead fled with them to Alexandria, Egypt. He contacted Marta by phone from Egypt right after the abduction took place and tried to persuade her to come to Egypt. When she refused, he made it clear that she would never see the children again.

Marta has spoken with Omar and Gamela only once, over the phone, but their father refuses to return them. Gamal has a history of violence toward his children and was only allowed to resume visitation after counseling.

Mr. Speaker, Omar, Gamela and their mother need our help. I have had the opportunity to sit down with parents like Marta. I have looked into their eyes; I have listened to their stories. The pain they experience on a daily basis is heart wrenching. I urge my colleagues to help families like the Elkasabys and bring our children home.

ENFORCE OUR LAWS, MR. PRESIDENT

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call upon the Clinton administration to fulfill its duty to enforce the laws of the United States. Recently, I like many of my colleagues learned of some disturbing statistics about the wholesale failure of the current administration to prosecute Federal gun offenses. Mr. Speaker, the administration's lack of enforcement of our gun laws in America is simply appalling and unacceptable.

The number of referrals by the Federal Government for prosecution in gun crimes has declined by 44 percent under the Clinton administration. Looking back, in 1992, there were over 7,000 prosecutions under President Bush's project trigger lock program. President Clinton abandoned this get tough antigun crime enforcement program and as a result prosecutions fell almost 50 percent to a mere 3,800 in 1998.

Mr. Speaker, for the welfare and safety of every American, I call on our President to fulfill his commitment and constitutional duty. After all, if the administration is not going to enforce existing laws and prosecute criminals, what good is it to pass more laws?

THE BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER TREATMENT ACT

(Ms. ESHOO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1070, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act, legislation which will give the States the ability to provide a reliable method of treatment for uninsured and underinsured women battling breast or cervical cancer.

I urge the Speaker to bring this critically important legislation to the House floor for a vote by Mother's Day, May 14. There is absolutely no excuse to miss this opportunity which will save women's lives.

The bill has 289 bipartisan cosponsors, well over the required number to pass a bill on the Suspension Calendar.

It was reported out of the Committee on Commerce and the Health and Environment Subcommittee unanimously. The President has included the initiative in his 2001 budget.

Presidential candidate George W. Bush has endorsed the bill. The National Breast Cancer Coalition and over 500 health care and women's organizations have said that passage of this bill is one of their top priorities for this Congress.

The Committee on the Budget recently expressed its commitment to the bill.

I implore my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, bring H.R. 1070 to the House floor before Mother's Day, in time to give our mothers, our sisters, our daughters the most important gift of all, which is life.

COMMENDING UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S BASKETBALL TEAM

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, although it was Michigan State who celebrated last night, I am very proud of the team from the University of Florida for making it to the NCAA title game. This season, Florida put together an impressive record of 29 and 8, matching the 1994 team for the most victories in the school's history.

I commend coach Billy Donovan for his outstanding work and the players for their perseverance in bringing "Billy ball" to the court. The Gators gave little breathing room and pressed the other team after nearly every basket. This unique style of play demands endurance from the opponent, which the Spartans showed last night.

The University of Florida can take great pride in the talent they fielded with Mike Miller, Brett Nelson, Donnell Harvey, Teddy Dupay, and the other players. I know that the University's President, Dr. Charles Young; the athletic director, Mr. Jeremy Foley; the students; the faculty and the fans of the Gators are proud of the team's accomplishments. I know that I am.

RATIO OF ACCIDENTAL MEDICAL DEATHS TO ACCIDENTAL GUN DEATHS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, something does not add up, the number of accidental deaths involving guns average 1,500 per year; and the number of accidental deaths caused by doctors, surgeons, and hospitals average 120,000 a year, 120,000 per year. That means the ratio of accidental medical-related deaths to accidental gun deaths is 80 to 1, 80 times more possible of being killed accidentally by a doctor than a gun.

Tell me, Mr. Speaker, should we mandate a 5-day waiting period on vasectomies?

Beam me up. Congress does not need more gun laws; America must enforce the laws that we have.

I yield back all the American lives saved by an honest law-abiding American who just happened to have a gun.

ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART FOR MILITARY MERIT TO ROBERT EUGENE ELLEDGE

(Mr. GARY MILLER of California asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor an American hero. Last week, I had the opportunity to present Robert Eugene Elledge of Pomona, California with the Order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit service.

On May 10, 1951, as Mr. Elledge and his division began to crawl the hill they were ordered to take, his helmet was cracked into many pieces by enemy fire. After he was placed in an ambulance, he learned that his company had been annihilated, only four survived the Second Chinese Communist Forces Spring Offensive, also known as Battle of Soyang or, as Mr. Elledge recalls it, the May Massacre.

Mr. Speaker, 49 years ago, Mr. Elledge felt that his experience warranted a purple heart, and he began to inquire about when he might receive this honorable award. It seems that the paperwork requesting the medal was lost. Last Friday, 49 years after surviving the May Massacre, tears came to Mr. Elledge's eyes when he received the medal that he waited for so patiently.

The Korean War is often referred to as our "forgotten war." While his paperwork may have been forgotten, the sacrifices that Mr. Elledge made for this country in Korea will always be remembered.

COMMENDING MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

(Ms. KILPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KILPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the NCAA, its universities, presidents, and teams for the outstanding season that we witnessed first of the 21st century.

Last night, our Michigan State Spartans won an overwhelming victory; and we applaud them. President McPherson, Coach Izzo, the Flintstones, as well as the entire Michigan State teams, its coaches and university and students, we are proud of you. Go Green. Keep the fight. Let us move on for a positive 21st century.

We are with you, God bless you.

FATHER RICHARD DOERR

(Mr. MCINTOSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to introduce Father Richard Doerr as our guest chaplain today.

After speaking with some of the members of his congregation in Carmel, Indiana, I can tell my colleagues that Father Doerr enjoys the kind of universal adoration that folks like us in Washington can really only dream about.

He is cherished by his congregation because of his memorable sermons, his

positive nature, and his devotion to young adults in Indianapolis. Father Doerr is a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. He is an associate pastor of our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church and St. Maria Goretti Mission in Carmel, Indiana, a beautiful suburb north of Indianapolis.

He was educated in Indiana. He got his bachelor's degree from Purdue, where, I am told, he was a star in the Glee Club. And he went on to earn his masters degrees in theology and arts at St. Meinrad Seminary in Southern Indiana. He has ministered in St. Louis, in Fishers and was a chaplain at the St. Francis Newman Center on the campus of Ball State in my hometown of Muncie.

Father Doerr has done wonderful work with young adults throughout his career. Together with his brother, Brian, Father Doerr founded the Frassatti Society in Indianapolis, a group of more than 200 young Catholic adults.

The Society's members help each other keep faith in their lives during the transitions from college life, joining the work force and starting a family.

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At those critical junctures, Father Doerr is there to make sure they remember to keep their faith in everything they do, say, and think.

One of my staffers, a young woman from Carmel, attends Father Doerr's mass and described him as captivating in the pulpit. She said that he tells real-life stories and makes it easy for her to apply the lessons of the scripture in her life. Most of all, she said he is funny.

So it is with great pride that we Hoosiers present Father Richard Doerr as today's chaplain. Thank you, Father Doerr, for blessing us in this House today.

REINVENTING COMMON SENSE

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, under the Gore administration, there has been an all-out effort to reinvent common sense. Under that, the Vice President decided to take on purchasing over at the Pentagon and make the Pentagon act like the private sector.

Well, here is what we got after Mr. Gore was finished with it. They paid \$30 for a 15-cent O-ring gasket; \$714 for an electric bell that was worth only \$47; \$350 for a ball bearing that normally costs \$48; and \$1,236 for fan assemblies worth \$675.

But then again, here is a guy who takes \$300,000 from Buddhist monks, sworn on a vow of poverty, and does not recognize that as a fund-raiser. Perhaps that is why he could not recognize a good deal over at the Pentagon.